

January 17, 2003

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Title:** Construction and Operation of the Molecular Foundry  
**Project Location:** Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
**Lead Agency:** University of California  
**County:** Alameda

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.), and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for the above-named project was prepared that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the project.

**Project Description**

The Ernest O. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab or LBNL) proposes to construct and operate the Molecular Foundry, a six-story laboratory building of approximately 86,500 gross square feet (gsf) and a utility building of about 8,000 gsf, in the southeast corner of the Berkeley Lab site. It would be used for the interdisciplinary exploration and study of nanosciences, and would be a national user facility open to visiting scientists. Construction would take place between January 2004 and February 2006.

**Environmental Review and Comment**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been deemed appropriate for this project and this letter is intended to serve as the Negative Declaration for this project. This Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment. The Tiered Initial Study and the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at [www.lbl.gov/Community/index.html](http://www.lbl.gov/Community/index.html) or the following locations:

Berkeley Lab Main Library  
One Cyclotron Road  
Bldg. 50, Room 4034  
Berkeley, CA 94720

Berkeley Public Library  
2090 Kittredge Street  
2nd Floor, Reference Desk  
Berkeley, CA 94704

DOE Oakland Operations Ofc.  
1301 Clay Street, North Tower  
Energy Information Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 180N  
Oakland, CA 94612

The new public review and comment period for the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will extend from December 10, 2002 to Noon, February 5, 2003.

The project and the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered for approval at the Regents of the University of California Committee on Grounds and Buildings in late February 2003. This revises information in an earlier notice and a statement on page 30 of the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration regarding a March 2003 meeting. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will become Final if adopted by the Regents.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

cc: 1) State Clearinghouse: NOIA (1) and Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form (1) and 15 copies of Draft Initial Study. These 15 copies are distributed by the State Clearinghouse to Responsible and Trustee Agencies, along with other reviewing State agencies.

- 2) Regional Clearinghouse
- 3) Local agencies: City of Berkeley, City of Oakland, County of Alameda (Note: UC files with OPR directly, copies to Counties are for their information, not for the County Clerk to file with OPR)
- 4) For projects of statewide, regional or areawide significance, copy NOIA to transportation planning agencies and agencies which have transportation facilities within their jurisdiction which could be affected by the project.
- 5) Interested Public: NOIA and Draft Initial Study to people who have requested such notice (attach distribution list). In addition to public notification via newspaper, posting or direct mail to owners and occupants of adjacent property.
- 6) UC Office of the President: NOIA and NOC/Envir. Doc Transmittal Form and Draft Initial Study to:  
OP Assistant Vice President Facilities Administration  
OP Planning Design & Construction  
OP Office of General Counsel
- 7) Berkeley Lab Project Director  
Berkeley Lab Project Manager